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An ACCOUNT OF THE TRYALS OF SEVERAL Notorious MALEFACTORS: For Murders, Fellonies, Burglaries, HELD AT THE Seſſions Houſe IN THE OLD-BAYLY, For the City of *London* and County of *Middleſex*.

Which began on the 23. of this Inſtant *February*, and ended the 25.

With the other moſt Remarkable PROCEEDINGS;

Together with the Names of the Perſons that are Condemned to Dye, Burnt in the Hand, Tranſported and to be Whipt.

Giving an Account of the Remarkable Tryal of George Pye, *for Killing the Butcher in the* Strand.

As alſo a full Relation how John Price *was Ordered to be preſſed to Death, for his Obſtinacy in not Pleading.*

John Clark took his Tryal for Robbing of *Margaret Wing's* Houſe, in the Pariſh of St. *Mary Matt-Pellet*, alias *White Chappel*, of two Silver Tankards on the 19 of *January*, the Commitment of the Robbery being thus, he and two more of his Fellow Thieves, comming in, and calling for a Room, were ſhewed up Stairs into a Chamber, where a Cubbord ſtood in which the Tankards were, which they perceiving, Pickt the Lock in the Servants abſence, and departed with their Prize, as appeared by the Oath of the Maid who ſaid there was no other perſons in the Room from the time the Tankards were there, till ſuch time as they were miſſing, but ſhe not being able to charge him poſitively, he was Acquitted of the Fellony.

A second Indictment was preferred against him, for breaking open the House of one Mrs. *Dansele*, and taking from her in Rings, Broad Pieces of Gold and Pieces of Plate to a great Value, which things upon search being found in his House, he fled, and could not be heard of till about two Sessions since: to this Indictment he pleaded not Guilty, and endeavoured to lay the Crime upon a Kinsman of his, That was hanged some time since, but his Plea was in Vain, for upon the whole matter the Jury found him Guilty.

John Smith took his Tryal, for that he becomming a Servant to an Ale-house keeper in St. *Bartholomews* about the 12 of *Jan.* last, Robbed his said Master of 30 *l.* in Money, several silver Seals, Rings and other things, as appeared in his Indictment, some of which being taken upon him, the Jury thought fit to bring him in Guilty.

John Butter, a Broaker in *Drury* lane, was brought into Court, and there put upon the Jury, which done, the Court proceeded to Try him: His Indictment was for stealing silver Spoons, one having been found as the VVitnesses gave Evidence where he had sold it, but several people appearing to give Testimony of his Life and Conversation was Acquitted.

George Pye, the person who kild the Butcher in the *Strand*, on the 11. of this Instant, had a Bill preferred against him, by the Widdow of the party killed, for the Death of her Husband; whereupon several VVitnesses were called for the King, who gave Testimony, that the person now Tryed, being a Bayliffs Assistance or Follower, came up to him, telling him, he had a VVrit against him for three pounds, or some such sum, and bid him yield obedience to the same; but he on the contrary taking up his Carver, bid them stand off; when, upon some offers to seize him, he struck at them, and taking the Bayliff (who was Father to the Prisoner) a stroak over the VVrist, whilst he strove to guard himself, he Cut the Bone in two, upon which he fell down, and then pursuing the Prisoner wounded him, who drawing his Rapier, run him into the Body, of which VVound he then and there instantly dyed, but the Court giving the Charge, the Jury brought it in, *se defendendo*.

John Price being Indicted for a Fellony and Burglary for stealing a Brass Frying pan and other things to the value of 5 *s.* from one *James Bennit*, he refused to plead, and notwithstanding all endeavours were used by the Court, in which there were at least two hours spent, to perswade him to plead Guilty or not Guilty, he obstinately refused it unless he might see his Accusers: so that Sentence was passed upon him to be pressed by ten of the clock on *Saturday*, unless he conform to the Law, and recant his former stubborn obstinacy.

John Belzer was put to his Tryal for stealing three Bever Hats from a Haberdasher in *Holborn*, on the 18. of this Instant *Jan.* with which he was taken going out of the shop, but the man that took him being a Quaker, and refusing to swear, the Prisoner was acquitted. The Quakers Recognizance for prosecution estreated.

Thomas Stockdale was prosecuted for stealing a Box and 20 *s.* in it, was from *Mary Rhods* in St. *Giles's Cripplegate*, and upon prooff of the Fact, Convicted of the Fellony.

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Jane Bunt, a ſlim'd ſhop-Lifter, was put to her Tryal for ſtealing ſilks, Ribboning and ſtuffs, out of a ſhop in *Fleet-ſtreet*, and upon part of the things being taken upon her, ſhe was found Guilty.

Thomas Mardelve an Outlandiſh man, who at firſt pretended to be ignorant in the Engliſh Tongue, was brought into Court, and then put to his Tryal for ſtealing Plate, to the value of 4 l. which being made plain by the Evidence he was Convicted.

Edmund Markham was Tryd for a Fellony and Burglary, committed on the Houſe of *John Aleſt*, living at *Paddington* in the County of *Middleſex*, and taking Goods to the value of five pounds; the Houſe being left alone, the Theives cut a Ladder that lay in the Yard, and ſetting it up to the Window, entered the Houſe, and breaking open 12 doors, took Table Linnen and other things: Whereupon ſuſpecting the Priſoner, who was a Tenant to the Party Robbed; his Houſe was Searched, and ſome Goods found, which were pretended to be loſt; but upon the Priſoners proving he bought them, the Jury found him not Guilty.

James Clark was Tryed, for ſtealing a Silver Tankard out of a Victualing Houſe in St. *Martins in the Feilds*, which he afterwards Sold to a Uſurer in *Cloth-fair*; the Tankard upon Tryal was found to be taken by him, and eſpecially upon his own Confeſſion, ſo that he was brought in Guilty.

Alexander Pollinger, the Perſon who Swore Treaſon againſt Mr. *Harvy*, and was the laſt Seſſions Fined for his unwarrantable taking away Goods, under the pretence of their being Uncuſtomed or prohibited. Was this Seſſions Indicted for a Treſpaſs, for taking away Stone-Buttons, Diamonds, and Buckles, from a French Merchant, and was found Guilty of the ſame.

John Williamſon took his Tryal, for that he on the 18 of *January* laſt, going into a Victualling Houſe in *Weſtminſter*, ſtole thence a ſilver Tankard, prized at three pounds. Whereupon he was purſued, but for that time making his eſcape, he not long after was taken by the Watch, and carried to the *Round-houſe*; where the Party Robbed found him; upon his Examination he denyed that he knew any thing of the matter, and ſaid much in Juſtification of his Innocence, inſomuch that no poſitive proof appearing to charge him home with the matter, he was Acquitted.

This Seſſions Mr. *St. John*, Pleaded his Majeſties moſt Gracious Pardon, for Killing Eſquire *Stiles* in *Chancery* Lane.

Jane Robinſon was likewiſe Tryed for having two Husbands, but only one Marriage which was the former, being able to be proved, ſhe was Acquitted.

John Hat being Indicted for a Robbery Committed in *White Chappel*, he Pleaded Guilty to that, and all under the benefit of the Clergy; it being an antient Plea, uſual to ſuch as are old proficients in *Newgate*.

Richard Tretbarfoot was Tryed for ſtealing a ſilver Tankard in *Cornhill*, under pretence of Drinking and making Love to the Maid of the Houſe, who had formerly been his Acquaintance, by reaſon

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of going to School with him: But the Tankard being afterwards found where he had disposed of it, he was found Guilty.

Two persons were likewise Tryed for Robbing a House in *Holbourn*, but no exact Proof being made against them, they were Acquitted.

William James, *Thomas Andrews* and *Bryan White* was Tryed for Robbing one *James Watkins* on the 6 of *August* last, upon the Kings High-way, which upon Evidence proved to be thus: The Persons Indicted having a VVrit, with which they had taken him into Custody, and somewhat roughly used him, swore Felony against him, but the Evidence being but weak, and thought to be done out of Malice, they acquitted him.

William Shippe was Indicted for stealing a silver Salt, to the value of 7 s. which being proved to be taken in his custody, he was found Guilty.

James Turner was Tryed for Robbing Sir *Jonathan Raymond*, on the 24. of *Feb.* and taking from thence five pieces of Gold, and 40 s. in silver: His Indictment was for Felony and Burglary, but the latter not appearing, he confessed the former.

John Price, the person Condemned to the Press yesterday, was this morning brought to the Bar, at his earnest request, and after some denials pleaded not Guilty to two Indictments, one for Robbing *James Bennet* of a Frying Pan, to the worth of 5 s. and another for stealing a Copper, which he sold for 16 s. both which Indictments being proved, he was found Guilty.

An Indictment was brought against *Nat. Thompson*, for publishing a Scandalous report about the Murther of *Thomas Thynne*, Esq; which together with the Pamphlet, being presented to the Jury they brought it in *Billa vera*.

The French Doctor, who was Tryed last Sessions for Poysoning one *Morgan* a Life-guard Man, appearing upon his Reculicence, was by reason of his Threatning such, as appeared against him, bound to find good Security, *&c.*

At this Sessions *John Malden*, and *John Clark*, received Sentence of Death. Nine persons were Burnt in the Hand, one Repreived before Judgment, upon Promise to make Discovery. Two to be Transported. Four to be VVhipt. Andd so it Concluded.

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